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5th Freedom

Publication of the Mattachine Society of the Niagara Frontier

N.Y.S.C.G.O. To Host Fall Conference Here

Though the New York State Coalition of Gay Organizations (NYSCGO) has been around for a number of years, as a constituted body able to act of its own accord, it will be one year old this October. This October will also mark the first time in many years that the fall conference -- perhaps the most important one for NYSCGO -- will be held right here in Buffalo. Originally scheduled for Albany, it will be held October 20, 21 and 22.

There are many reasons for hosting this conference in the Niagara Frontier; it will be a recognition that Buffalo's Gay movement is a valid part of the state effort. It will provide an opportunity of the local community to learn about state-wide efforts for Gay private and civil

rights. Not to be overlooked, the conference will also provide a mutual interest with which local Gay organizations will be able to co-operate.

NYSCGO's accomplishments are not without note. The tight budget proposed for this past year was \$5625; that goal was met in less than six months! A major effort of NYSCGO has been to maintain a lobbying presence in Albany, one which would strive for legislative reform. Until this year, NYSCGO has not been able to maintain a full-time lobbyist. John Nehrich, an Albany resident is a full-time, paid "legislative consultant" [lobbyist]; he will also be providing a workshop on "Lobbying: How to Do It Effectively" during the conference.



ANITA BRYANT, SOON TO BE APPEARING IN ROCHESTER. BUFFALONIANS OF GOOD CONSCIENCE ARE URGED TO SUPPORT THE GAY PEOPLE OF OUR NEIGHBORING CITY.

Rochester Rallies For Rights

RALLY FOR RIGHTS --The first annual RALLY FOR RIGHTS will be happening on Saturday, September 23 at Genesee Crossroads Park in Rochester. The RALLY, sponsored by the Rochester Gay Task Force of the Gay Alliance of the Genesee Valley, is planned as a constructive beginning to a broad based campaign for human rights regardless of age, race, sexual/affectional preference, marital status, sex, or mental/physical impairment.

The RALLY was originally motivated by a scheduled visit of Anita Bryant to Rochester on the same day. She will appear in a concert and rally for "Moral America" the organizers of which hope to rekindle interest in a "back to basics" morality. In an article in the Democrat & Chronicle an organizer of the Bryant visit was quoted as saying, "A lot of people will say we're bringing her here to beat down homosexuals, but we aren't."

A strong showing at the RALLY FOR RIGHTS will help make sure Bryant beats down no one. Plans are being made at RGTF every Monday night at the Gay Alliance of the Genesee Valley, 713 Monroe Ave. at 8pm. For more information call 244-9030 in Rochester.

GAY PROFESSIONALS BEGIN TO ORGANIZE

A group of gay professionals met for the first time on August 15 to discuss mutual concerns and to begin the process of determining what the needs of gay professionals in Western New York are.

Some men had discussed forming a group earlier this year, but the decision to act on the idea came only recently when some concerned gay men

invited other known gay professionals to sit down with each other and examine if such a group would be helpful to its members and, perhaps, the community.

Although there was no written agenda or sanctioned leader, the meeting which lasted three hours, addressed a number of issues. One member hoped that a human services referral system might evolve

from the group, consisting of lawyers, doctors, mental health professionals and other appropriate system entry points which would allow for gay people with problems to be referred to qualified gay professionals for service. Another group member felt that a discreet, quiet political force may emerge from the discussions. The consensus, however, agreed that, for the moment, the group would concern itself with its own internal growth--the need to listen and support one another, and to share with each other the often unique experiences of being gay and working in a largely heterosexual professional milieu. Much of the meeting consisted of members sharing concerns about the pressures to conceal their sexual feelings at work; coming out to family, friends and associates, and the potential (or lack thereof) of gay social alternatives in Buffalo.

Present at the initial meeting were three attorneys, four mental health professionals, a teacher, a member of the clergy, a retail manager, and a librarian.

The group felt that other gay professionals interested in joining the group may do so. The term "professional" is not meant to be restrictive, but does suggest that a potential member consider him-- herself professional in what he/she does as a career. Further information and notes of a second meeting, to be held on September 6, may be received by calling Tom Hammond, at 849-1557. The group membership is confidential, and discretion is assured in all inquiries.

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Allentown
Businesspeople

Setback For Dignity/ Buffalo

An official representing Bishop Edward D. Head of the Diocese of Buffalo recently made it clear the Diocese would not allow Dignity/ Buffalo to hold services or meetings in any buildings or facilities associated with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo.

Background: Dignity/ Buffalo, a local group of Catholic gay and non-gay men and women who meet twice monthly for Mass and more frequently for meetings, study and recreation, recently requested permission from the Center for Justice on Main Street, a study-education-action group sponsored by three local Orders of Religious Women, to use their spacious facilities for their twice monthly celebrations. After consultation, the Center group graciously opened their doors and welcomed them into their residence. News of this welcome spread to Chancery of the Diocese of Buffalo. Monsignor Donald

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EDITORIAL

Local News ! Outrageous ! Suddenly the Gay community is being bombarded with events both here and in Rochester. For some, the challenge is overwhelming, for others, however, it is the focal point of previously undirected commitments. Finally here are ways for Gay people to make their views known to the straight community. September 23rd, Anita Bryant is coming to Rochester. Yes, we have all heard too much of her already; also, here is an opportunity for us to gain valuable positive media coverage. The Gay Alliance of the Genesee Valley, Inc. is working towards that end. They need our help. The more Buffalonians who show up to demonstrate, peacefully and with dignity, the louder will be our voice throughout western New York.

Likewise, October 20,21,22, the New York State Coalition of Gay Organizations (NYSCGO) will be meeting right here in the Queen City. For that, workshops, entertainment and a press conference are being planned. All meetings and social functions are open to any interested individuals. Come meet the influential Gay people from across the state; let them know what Buffalo wants. Help is also needed to help house the out-of-town people. See the advertisement elsewhere in this paper if you have room.

This is also the time that students are returning to college campuses. Mattachine will sponsor a coffee-house for all Gay and interested students, the third Sunday in September; please see the back page of this paper for further details.

In the past, you have read this paper exhorting you to "get involved". Sure, that's a nice sentiment, and we who are involved certainly could use the company and encouragement. Until there is a focus, however, we can fully understand many peoples' reticence to 'stick their necks out'; now, however, there are two exciting foci. Either in Rochester or here in Buffalo, the individual is important, no matter what one's background or interest. We hope to see you out,

MATTACHINE SOCIETY TREASURER'S REPORT

August 13, 1978

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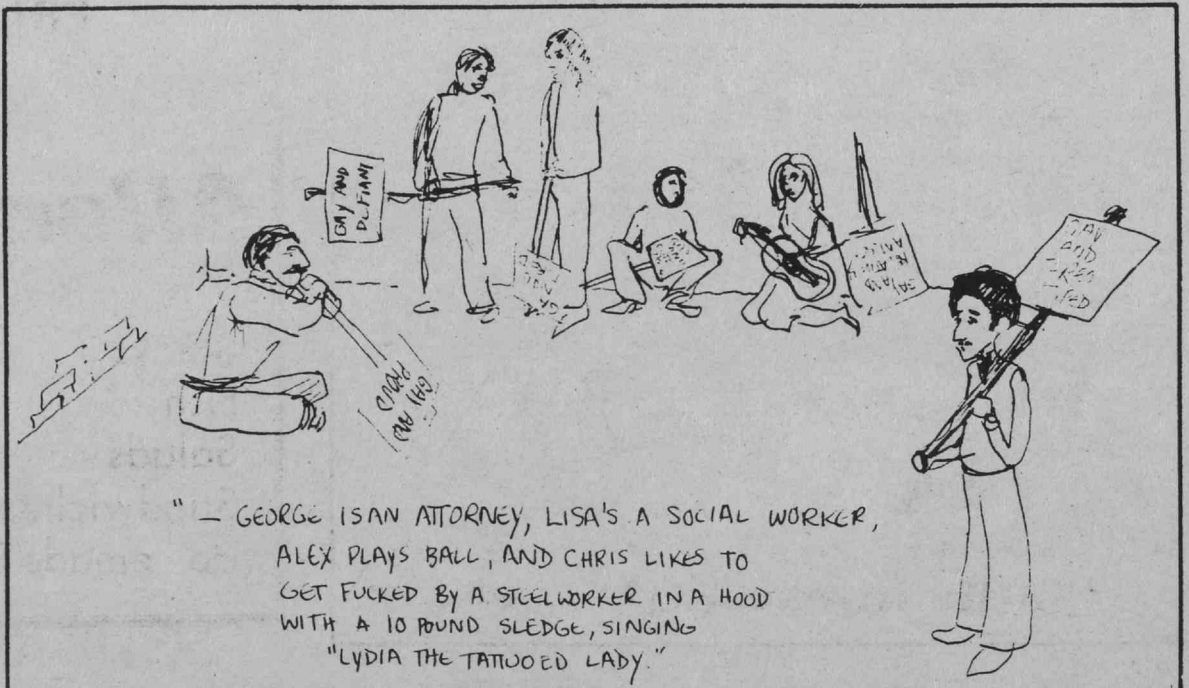
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SHORT SHOTS

Looking for a few good men

As the Fourth of July weekend began, officials at Camp Pendleton Marine Corps base announced July 1 that they had granted a dozen leathernecks their independence. The twelve discharged members were allegedly members of a homosexual ring that had operated on the post for three years, recruiting young, fair skinned Marines for weekend duties as male prostitutes and participating in gay pornographic movies. Officials said that at least thirty more Marines were under investigation for bungee holing when they should have been gung ho-ing.

(Coast to Coast Times)

The Eyes don't have it!

Scientists say they have made the surprising discovery that both men and women become sexually aroused during their periods of deepest sleep. Dr. Gene Able and his colleagues at the Memphis Mental Health Institute report that earlier studies had found that men experienced periodic erections during the rapid eye movement, or REM period of sleep. Now, they report, similar experiments on sleeping women have discovered that they too show physical indications of also being turned on during the REM period.

(Philadelphia Gay News)

This is Justice ?

Honolulu, HI--A district court judge has aroused outrage here for dismissing a charge of rape against a marine who reportedly hit a jogging woman with his car, threatened her with a bottle, and then dragged her to his car where he raped and sodomized her. Having questioned the woman for twenty minutes, Judge Robert Richardson ruled that there was no rape because the woman did not fight back or run away. The marine will still be charged with sodomy, since that is an "unnatural act."

(P.O. News)

Outdoor Sports

Domaine Plein Vent is Canada's bilingual country center for men. A summer camping ground for gay men 18 years and over, it is situated in the lovely countryside of Southern Quebec, 54 miles from Montreal. Informal, inexpensive and friendly, it features lots of sports and organized activities and facilities for tents, trailers and even cabin rentals. Daily rates range from \$5 to \$8; weekends are higher. Weekly and seasonal rates are also available. A \$5 initial membership card is required. For reservations call (514) 549-4313 or write Domaine Plein Vent, Box 101, Actonville, P.Q., Canada J0H 1A0.

(Advocate)

Horny Beasts

Das Tier of March, reports that several male rhinos in German and Swiss zoos have been observed taking an inordinate interest in others members of their own sex. Two results are expected to follow soon. (1) U.S. Immigration authorities are expected to prohibit any gay rhinos from entering the U.S., or at least to deny them tourist visas. (2) An Anita Bryant organization, called "Save Our Rhinos from Sin", is being considered for Switzerland and Germany.

(JPU NEWS)

The Case of the Telephone Toilet

Here's a bathroom joke Ma Bell doesn't want to hear about. For several weeks, the phones in the office of a group of attorneys would ring but nobody would be on the other end.

Legal aide sleuths were put on the case and someone finally discovered that every time someone went to the restroom, the "phantom" would call. Closer inspection revealed that when someone sat on the toilet, the phone would ring.

Telephone technicians were called in and found that the telephone system was grounded to a water pipe on the floor below. When someone sat on the commode, the circuit would be broken and the phone would ring.

(Philadelphia Gay News)

Look Ma, I'm Normal !

Lots of changes appear to be taking place in the Immigration and Naturalization Service's policies affecting gay people. As a result of meetings held over the last months among the National Gay Task Force, the Surgeon General of the United States and representatives of Immigration and Naturalization, the U.S. Public Health Service will no longer define gay people as "sex deviants" nor "psychopathic personalities." The Health Service will inform their border officers, immigration officials and State Department visa officers of the change in policy.

(Advocate)

National Recognition

KING-TV of Seattle (Washington) and Producer Frank Tenczar received an Emmy in the category of Program Achievement for Who Are These People and What Do They Want? a 30-minute special narrated by Dave Kopay, on gay people, their lifestyles, political activism and desire to "come out of the closet."

Advocate

What's cookin' ?

Cleveland, OH--A local organization of gay Catholics here wrote to Rosalyn Carter explaining the purposes of the group and asking her for a recipe for the cookbook which it planned to publish. The president's wife responded with a recipe for flank steak, and with her best wishes to the organization.

(Playgirl)

Bunny?

Milwaukee, WI--Bruce Edgar, an 18-year-old freshman at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, has been turned down as a waiter at the Playboy resort in Lake Geneva. The job which he sought was that of a Bunny, and he apparently flunked the physical. Edgar's mother happens to be executive director of the Wisconsin Civil Liberties Union, and they are examining the possibility of fighting the rejection on grounds of sex discrimination.

(The Milwaukee Journal)



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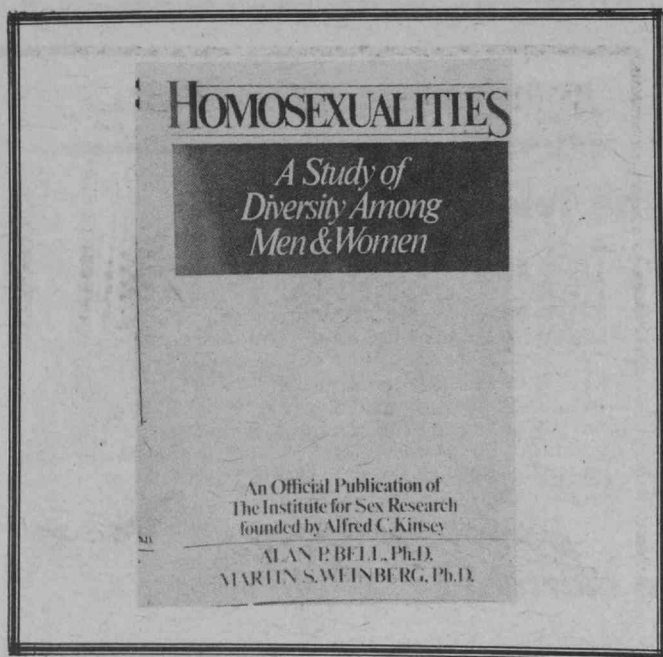
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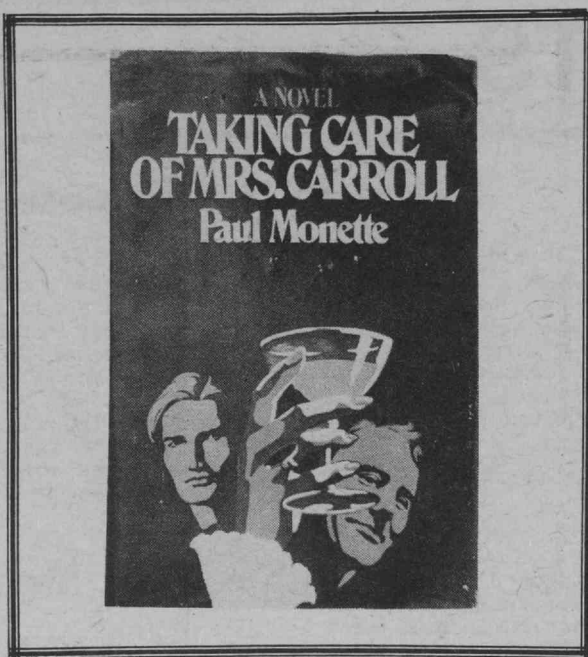
Homosexualities: A Study of Diversity Among Men and Women, Alan P. Bell, Ph.D. and Martin S. Weinberg, Ph.D., Simon and Schuster.

The jacket copy reads, "This monumental work will be as thoroughly read and widely quoted, and will have as great an impact as any of the best known works in the field of human sexuality." The book was planned as the third volume of the Kinsey reports, but was left unfinished at the time of Kinsey's death. The Institute of Sex Research, founded by Kinsey, has taken up the task, and, finally, has published what is, at the present, the definitive scientific study of the diversity of homosexual behaviors in the United States, based on interviews with 1500 gay men and women.

I suspect the book will be influential in reshaping the opinions of those who read it, and it therefore becomes a volume that gay people themselves might benefit from reading. Unlike *The Homosexual Matrix*, the last big study of homosexual experience (which never got the attention it deserved) this latest study is completely scientific, using appropriate statistical data and sound reasoning to demonstrate its conclusions. Indeed, fully half the book consists of statistical tables (i.e. "Significant Correlations Between Selected Sexual Experience Items and Education", "Political Effects of Being Homosexual: Effects on Liberalism") which are dry reading by themselves but, when coupled with highly informative and readable text, make the thesis of the book abundantly clear: that to speak of "homosexuality" is a misnomer, there is no definitive homosexual lifestyle, but rather an extraordinarily rich diversity of behavior and personality which has been unrecognized in previous studies. The title of the volume -- *Homosexualities* suggests this plurality and the contents are representative of us all. The Institute for Sex Research is on our side, but they are able to prove their claims factually, with neither the subjective defenses we are caught up in nor with the moral hypocrisy we hear from those who are uncomfortable with their own sexuality.

The book is filled with great cocktail conversation:
--the largest numbers of white homosexual males (WHM's) report sexual activity two to three times a week.
--only a quarter of WHM's and somewhat fewer black homosexual males (BHM's) are likely to make the first move when cruising in a bar; the rest of us want to be

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A Promising First Novel

Taking Care of Mrs. Carroll, Paul Monette, Little, Brown and Co.

We open with the last days of Millionairess Beth Carroll who rewrites her will to prevent her children (whom she detests) from inheriting her New England seaside estate. Ironically she dies before signing the fatal document, but Phedias, her faithful Major Domo and lover of fifteen years buries her on the estate and then initiates a plot to get a forged signature on the will.

He eagerly receives the aid of David, Mrs. Carroll's houseboy, who enlists the aid of his ex-lover Rick and Rick's friend the famous actress Madeline Cosquer, who will attempt to impersonate her ex-lover, Beth Carroll. Madeline's manager Aldo, comes along for the ride.

David and Rick enact their love scenes. Madeline plays Beth and everything is peaches and cream until the unexpected arrival of Beth's alcoholic, closet-case son, Tony who just may blow the whistle on the con game. Nevertheless Tony fits right into the scheme of things with his sarcastic approach to life and to this menage.

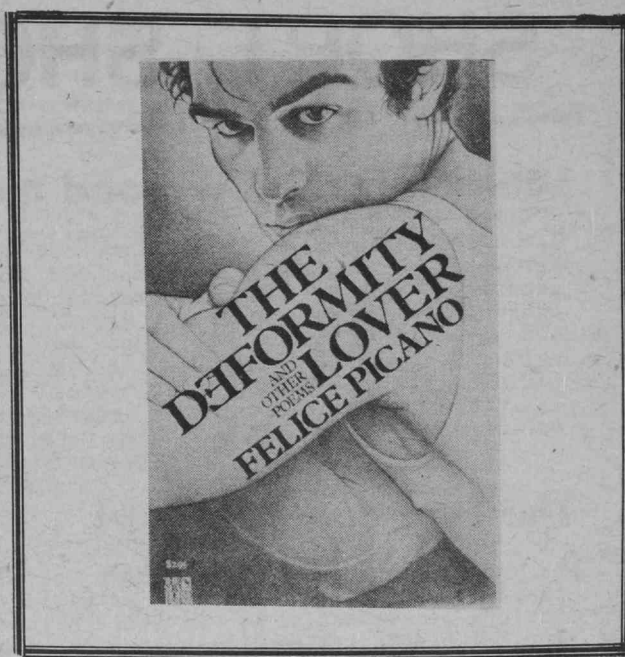
David's dialogue consists of a series of lines from movies and TV. "He knew what people said when they loved and lost and when they wanted something tawdry." Rick narrates the story and is constantly reminded of scenes from Madeline's movies and sometimes leaves you with the impression you've missed something, somewhere.

A lot of things are left very vague, for instance: why isn't anyone worried about the Gardener Stud catching on? ...where is this group getting the money to carry out their scheme? ...also, we're told Rick doesn't work, where is he getting his money? ...and most of all how is it so easy for a movie star to duplicate a person she hasn't seen or heard for forty years? Also, doesn't it seem strange for a very rich old woman of eighty-four to commit suicide without arousing the slightest hint of suspicion.

In the opening chapters of the novel there are all too many time lapses. In one part David is smoking a cigarette at Mrs. Carroll's side and in the next sentence he's running away from an unhappy love affair in Florida. It seems necessary to me to explain these lapses in order to understand David and why he would risk everything for Beth Carroll, a woman he hardly knows.

It is basically a strong story, but as is typical in most gay novels the characters do tend to be stereotyped-- Madeline the Movie Star, Tony the Alcoholic unable to deal with his homosexuality and Aldo the Old Queen, despite this the

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"Queens and Cowboys, Roses and the Baths"

The Deformity Lover, Felice Picano, The Sea Horse Press.

If you are searching for a book of gay poetry with romantic settings, sunsets and men holding hands on the beach this book is not for you. *The Deformity Lover* is a collection of 49 poems by Felice Picano. These are not sweet romantic poems, but rather poems of lust, young boys and old men, dancing disco boys and people on the street. The sex oriented poems move through your imagination to reach out to your senses. These poems are very erotic without ever being graphic.

Not all of the poems relate to sex nor do they all have to do with the gay male. The content is broken down into three sections defined more by the author's state of mind than the reader's. There's a crazy mixture of poems which make the reading quick and enjoyable. The title poem is one of the best of the book. It describes a man's quest for other men who are not totally perfect. His search includes a deaf mute, a blind boy, a veteran with one arm and men with other deformities. This may sound grotesque, but Picano's wording and style never permit to be so. The poem tells of the search and the encounters with these men and the others like them, building to this conclusion:

Deformity is a grace he'll say.
Like courage, it's clean
and always naive,
open and free, no hiding--
The truest state of man perhaps.
Want to see him use this philosophy?
You can find him almost every night
in any one of a half dozen bars.
He's a hospital ward
for the maimed young gods:
a port for anyone's surgical storm:
looking to fuck
the human condition.

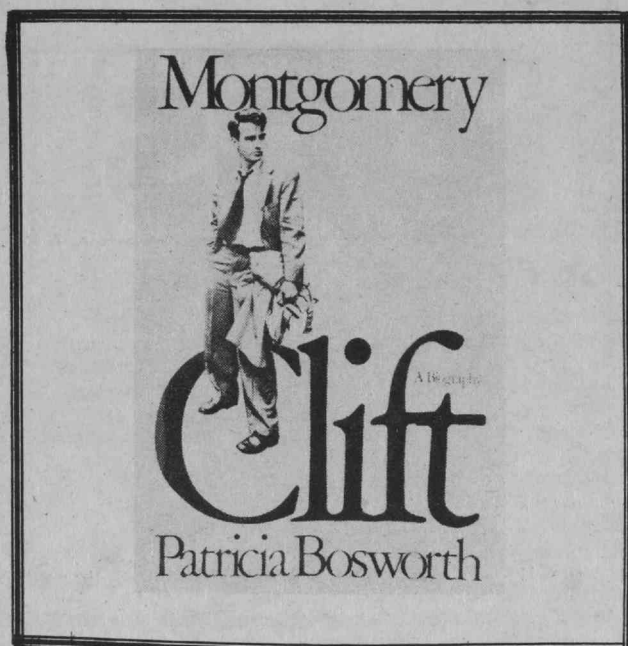
Almost all of the poems are easily read. The unrhyming lines are written in short phrases which fit well together and are improved when read out loud. A strong point of the book is its variation. The poems talk about queens and cowboys. Epileptics and sweat. Roses and the baths. Dates never kept and the author's interview with himself. Forty-nine poems in one volume is too much though. It would be easier to digest completely a volume half that size, making a treasure never to part with.

Picano also uses the poem to vent

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"Something about those eyes"

Montgomery Clift--A Biography, Patricia Bosworth, Harcourt Brace, Jovanovich.

There is a moment in "A Place in the Sun"--a closeup--of Monty's face twenty-five feet tall, shining above us, about to kiss Elizabeth Taylor. There is something about the eyes that is positively riveting, both worshipping and needing to be worshipped. It was at this point that I fell in love with Montgomery Clift.

Monty was one of those actors--along with James Dean, who I knew at an early age I had some connection to--the brooding features, the separateness, the pain of being different--this was stuff I had been getting good at during my adolescence and Monty was real good at it.

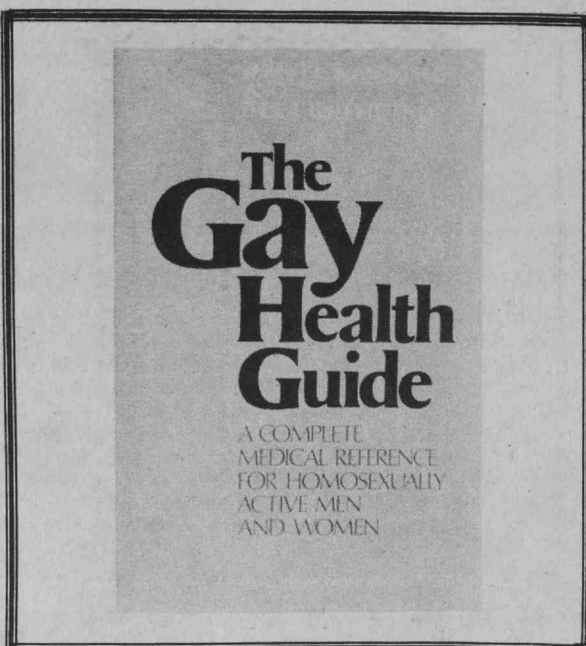
There is a resurgence of interest in Monty of late; Robert LaGuardia's book, out last summer and on the Times best-seller list, is doing well in paperback. The Bosworth book has also done well and is considered the more definitive volume of the two. Harcourt Brace and Jovanovich is pushing it well, and the film rights have been sold. (Sidney Lumet will direct two films--one on Monty and one on Monty's mother!)

The Bosworth book places less emphasis on Monty's mother as his ultimate downfall. Indeed, there is less "pop-psych" theorizing throughout the book. Whereas LaGuardia attempted to analyze Clift's childhood to find clues to his self-destructive life, Bosworth makes no such attempts and seems more to accept the premise that Monty, like you and I, was greater and less explicable than the sum of his parts.

I don't know how many of you out there remember the man. After a promising young theater career, Monty starred in Howard Hawk's *Red River* in 1948 with John Wayne. Interpreted as a confrontation between the straight, macho masculinity of Wayne and the sensitive, gay manhood of Clift, the film takes on added meaning. Clift wins in the end, but is able to accept Wayne's own flaws after his victory.

Monty went on to star with Liz in *A Place in the Sun*, *Raintree County*, and *Suddenly Last Summer*, playing a gay man in the latter also. Liz remained a loyal friend till the end, defending him and getting him acting jobs long after others had abandoned him. One of the more sensational stories in the book takes place when Monty, driving home from a party, nearly kills himself in a car crash. Liz rushes to his side, pulls broken teeth from his throat so he won't choke, and physically shields him from the photographers who were invading the scene, eager for a page one shot. She told them all that if one bulb flashed, the offend-

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Another gay pop media rip-off

The Gay Health Guide, Robert L. Rowan, MD, and Paul J. Gillette, Ph.D., Little, Brown and Co.

In the past few years I have spoken before numerous group and classes and organizations, as an openly gay male. To one such class of medical students I stressed the peculiar, special medical needs of gay people, medical concerns which transcend the basic issue of venereal disease. Before now, resource materials were limited to mimeo-ed booklets from progressive gay organizations in Los Angeles and elsewhere.

Needless to say, I was overjoyed to discover *The Gay Health Guide* written by a urologist and a psychologist. Promising to discuss not only syphilis, gonorrhea, NGU, but also anal lesions, warts, tears, hepatitis, etc. Wow, I thought, a thorough discussion.

My elation, however, soon diminished, upon further reading. The book suffers from a lack of basic humanity. It is highly clinical (chapters: lymphogranuloma venereum, granuloma fagumale, molluscum contagiosum) and uses stilted language. "If a fellator--or fillatrice--has a variety of partners..." "When you consider that there is a much higher incidence of anorectal intromission homosexually than heterosexually..."

Albeit that the dangers of sex of either persuasion, need to be faced, *Gay Health...* too heavily leans towards the negative with little positive reinforcement. After reading all about the danger of anal perforations, fecal infections, hepatitis, etc., any self-preserving gay male would stay far away from anal sex--needlessly scared away from pleasure.

The preventative measures, prescribed, include use of condoms! How many gay men would use such contraceptive methods?

Most insulting of all was the chapter "Going Straight". The authors pretend that the APA decision of 1975 does not exist and that findings of experts such as Socarides actually are valid.

To have such a denigrating, negative work touted as a "nonjudgemental, compassionate approach that reassures its audience," is frightening. Who knows how many family members, recently "out" gay people or just inquisitive individuals would be frightened, and have all the negative stereotypes of sexual deviants and diseased gay people reinforced.

Let us not support a pop-media gay rip-off!

Bill Coplon



Ursula's left hand

The Left Hand of Darkness, Ursula LeGuin, Avon Books

This issue I continue the series begun last time on the connections between Gay liberation, feminism and politics. The *Left Hand of Darkness* is a profound discussion of the nature of sex roles and secondarily of their relation to social organization. Despite its explicit relevance to feminism and implicit relevance to Gay liberation, it has not received very much attention in Gay circles. I suspect this is due to an inability of Gay critics to come to terms with the science fiction genre in which it is written. Good s.f. is not literal stories about fantasy worlds but fantasy stories about our real world. The fantasy is the art form in which a vision & reality is expressed. It needs some imaginative effort to come to see how it all works out but the effort is worth it. As LeGuin says, "The artist deals with what cannot be said in words. The artist whose medium is fiction does this in words. The novelist says in words what cannot be said in words." It is my belief that what lies under the ambiguity of LeGuin's art is, among the best social criticism since Goodman.

Darkness concerns a planet, Gethen/Winter, whose inhabitants are physically androgynous. That is, they are latently of either sex and change back and forth from one to the other or neither in a way we will discuss shortly. The story, briefly, concerns the mission of Genly Ai (who is a male in our sense), an ambassador seeking for Gethen to join the Ekumen, of Known Worlds, a sort of federation of planets. As he explains it, the purpose is "material profit: Increase of knowledge. The augmentation of the complexity and intensity of the field of intelligent life. The enrichment of harmony and the greater glory of God. Curiosity. Adventure. Delight." He is befriended by Therem Harth rem ir Estraven, the Prime Minister of Karhide a country on Gethen. Estraven falls from power in his attempts to further Ai's mission and the political future of Gethen. Ai, however, is misled into thinking that Estraven has betrayed him and eventually winds up in a hopeless political tangle resulting in his being sent to a concentration camp. Estraven saves him from this a particularly noble fashion.

We are early introduced to a notion called "shifgrethor" by the Gethenians. Making some social faux pas at the dinner table, Genly Ai wonders to himself, "No doubt this was all a matter of shifgrethor -- prestige, place, face, the pride-relationship, the untranslatable and all-important principle of social authority in Karhide and all civilizations of Gethen."

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BOOK REVIEWS

sex research

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approached. (Which means, I guess, half of us go home alone a lot.)
--half the WHM's and 1/3 of the BHM's reported at least 500 sexual partners in their lifetime. (The authors footnote: "We are aware, however, that these figures may reflect exaggeration on the part of some respondents.")
--almost 2/3 of the white homosexual females and an even larger larger percentage of black homosexual females said that they had no regret at all about being homosexual.
--homosexual men and women generally report more friends than heterosexuals, also have been arrested more often than straights, spend an average of five evenings a week at home.

When the authors grouped gays, they found "close-coupled", "open-coupled" and "functionals" (swinging singles?) were generally as happy and self-accepting as heterosexuals. "Dysfunctionals" and "asexuals" were more depressed, lonely and worried than their straight counterparts. And so it goes. Some of the findings may seem too obvious to those close to a variety of gay people, but not obvious to the straight majority. But there are a few surprises for us too.

"It should be clear by now," the authors conclude "that we do not do justice to peoples' sexual orientation when we refer to it by a singular noun. There are "homosexualities" and there are "heterosexualities", each involving a variety of different interrelated dimensions. "Small portions of the Institute's findings have already been used as the bases for judicial decisions and for new position papers on the part of the American Psychological Association." The authors have political, mental health, educational and religious leaders will take note of the significance of these new findings. It remains to be seen if the book will have an impact on attitudes prevalent in straight and gay worlds.

Tom Hammond

mrs. carroll

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characters do come across honestly and are very amusing.

Taking Care of Mrs. Carroll is unique in that it shows gay men devoted to youth, but understanding and respecting the wisdom that comes with age. It is also refreshing to see the love of two men handled with the same tenderness and respect as the love between a man and a woman. The novel also allows all the characters to be strong, sensitive people and culminates with the traditional happy ending.

This is Paul Monette's first novel and if this is any indication, we can look

SELECTIONS

"The Trouble With Mountain Tops"

by SAM

From atop a mountain one sees a view unlike his or her expectations whatever they might have been. A vista stretches out at one's fingertips, at once awesome, majestic, and humbling.

I've often marvelled at the foresight some persons have had in planning their dream cabins and cottages high on the edge of a mountain. The hard work and planning such a "get away", I always hope, was worthwhile. Such a vision was John Oliver Nelson's when he planned Kirkridge in the Pocono Mountains of Eastern Pennsylvania. Today the spot appeals to many special interest groups, they go for several days or a week at a time "to focus on urgent personal and social problems, and to find spiritual renewal." In its programs brochure the mountain retreat's intentions are stated as follows:

"...to address pressing human issues in the culture with the resources of Biblical faith...to encourage persons working in compassion for social justice...to be a presence and power for human liberation in the Spirit."

If what is written above sounds religious, it is. What brought me and about 125 others to Kirkridge was a three day conference entitled "Gay and Christian" held during the early days of June. And what a high experience it was!

A sense of community--like we'd like to think of as we use the phrase "the gay community"--emerged early as participants from across the continent gathered to live intimately with each other for a few days drawn together by our gay ethnicity. I cannot state how many participants were gay because there were also some straights present--staff personnel, clergy, counsellors, parents, spouses. The atmosphere was charged with honest acceptance and affirmation of gay persons within a Christian context.

Six leaders with national and international reputations made formal presentations following an agenda covering

the occasion. These persons were Malcolm Boyd, Jeannine Gramick, James Nelson, John McNeill, Nancy Krody, and Barbara Gittings. Their presentations were all well received by the group, and their presence gave us a chance to hear these leaders and thinkers on the topic uniting many of the open and closeted persons present. The six were also available for personal conversations and socializing as well.

Small groups of ten persons each were set up the first evening and we regularly met throughout the conference. Special sharing of histories, concerns, and dreams was possible in these settings which were always over too quickly. Special topic workshops and caucuses were also held.

The importance of the conference to my lover and me has several aspects. We found ourselves involved in consciousness-raising regarding women's issues thanks to the alertness of the quarter of our number who were female. That people like Boyd and McNeill were sensitized at the same time was important and interesting. Don and I also gloried in being acknowledged as a couple throughout the meeting, and getting to know other men and women who are living their lives similarly. We also really appreciated the opportunity to work, and play with other gays who also have deep religious beliefs and values and practice them.

As we returned to western New York we resolved to become more involved in the movement for gay liberation than we have been heretofore. And that probably means activity in some uncharted areas, as well as participation in on-going activities. There is much to be done, and sometimes that seems overwhelming. But we are ready, and hopefully up to the task.

Kirkridge in the mountains inspired us. "The trouble with mountain tops" is that you've got to come down. It was good to see the beautiful vista afforded us. Now it's time to get down to work!

to dance with every weekend
to prove that they're alive.

Every poem in this book is not noteworthy. There are a few which seem to be filler and would be better left out. But, on the whole, it is a worthy purchase. This is the first book published by The Sea Horse Press in paperback with an eye-catching drawing on the cover. It is available from The Sea Horse Press, 307 West 11th St., NYC for \$2.95 plus postage.

Mark Smith

forward to bigger and better things from him in the future.

Paul Williams

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ing photographer would never work again.

Monty's homosexuality is given ample coverage in both books. A victim of the faceless fifties, being gay was still considered an unspeakable crime. Monty's self-destructive behavior had much of its origins in his guilt over being gay and he attempted to hide his feelings from his friends throughout his life. As he increased dosages of pills and booze later in his life, he hid his sexuality less, and was discriminated against as a result. Frank Sinatra, who was Monty's protege in *From Here to Eternity*, kicked him out of a party when Monty embraced a man in public. John Huston, while he directed Clift in *Freud and Clark Gable*, who co-starred with him in *The Misfits* both taunted him with his homosexuality.

It is easy to dismiss Clift as just one of those young, gifted, tortured actors of the fifties who burnt himself out too soon. Bosworth's book, and certainly Clift's films, refuse to label the man so easily. He was beautiful, and he was talented, and he lived the only way he knew how. I felt I knew him a little, in that crazy way I have of identifying with particular personalities, and I learned to articulate and to express myself a bit from him, and that is enough for me.

Tom Hammond

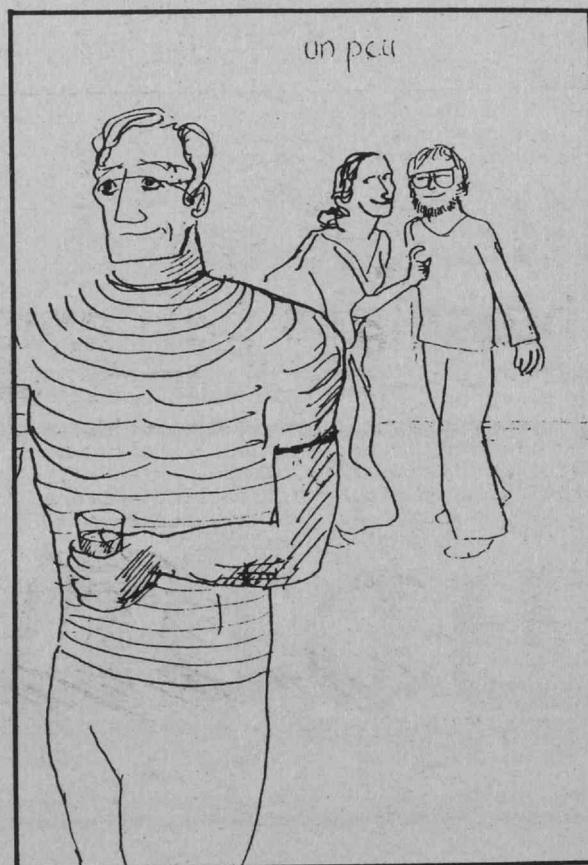
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anger and bitterness. In *The Heart Has Its Reasons* he chastizes a person for not keeping their date--even though he half expected it. In *The Gilded Boys* he describes in his own style the young men in a chic nightclub:

They're always checking mirrors and bitching at the DJ, their Cardin shirts get sweaty and their pills get ineffective and the man they think they love is sometimes leaving with another. But they've always got each other and their lover's lover's lover:

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A character in *A CHORUS LINE* said that to commit suicide in Buffalo is redundant. A similar scurrilous comment could be made about being Gay in Buffalo; and I suspect that it has already been made, and often. Indeed, among younger Gay people it has become cocktail (or bar) conversation to discuss leaving Buffalo for sunnier, more attractive, more exciting climes. And there is a cyclical hiatus of young people with talent, energy and/or good looks who come out in Buffalo, become regulars at the local disco, and leave the city for a variety of reasons, only to be replaced by a younger group who go through the same motions. Whatever the reasons for leaving, the limitations of being gay in Buffalo remain consistently restrictive and frustrating for many, including this writer.

A city the size and scope of New York or San Francisco offers viable alternatives for a gay person. There are gay neighborhoods, gay rap groups, gay coffee houses, gay theater collectives, gay politicians, gay social and political events. The gay person coming out in Buffalo is aware of none of this and can't help feeling that being gay consists of going to Mean Alice's or the Villa, and perhaps getting picked up by someone on Elmwood Avenue. The gay experience in Buffalo often seems extremely limited and sexually over-balanced, leaving many gay people with no supports other than their own enterprise.

Buffalo, as an economically deprived, tradition-oriented city suffers from a transience of body and soul that makes it difficult to reverse this trend. People come and go, and the commitment needed to build gay social alternatives is short-lived. Non-alcoholic, non-genital experiments have been attempted here, and have invariably failed due to lack of consistent follow through. And that makes it hard on the under-18 gay teenager who has no place to meet others and feel less isolated and less crazy. Hard on the less disco conscious individual who wants a quiet atmosphere to get to know others. Hard on those who don't choose to act sexually, who don't drink, who have energy and ideas that don't get realized walking the streets.

Why then, after a vacation to San Francisco or a weekend in the Big Apple, do I come back to Buffalo feeling glad to be back? For its size and population, Buffalo remains a small

town. There are neither the choices nor the chaos of a big city and the city forces me to come to terms with myself. I cannot remain anonymous here, and the consistent contacts with others forces me to relate to the gay population as individual people, whose personalities become familiar to me. As much as I might want to ignore others I am forced to deal with jealousies and anger, and problems I encounter with other gay men. The size of the gay community here creates an intimacy, a personalized experience that would be impossible in a large atmosphere where, jumping from bar to bar, one might never bump into last night's trick. I come back home and people know I have been away. I am part of social circles that would never exist in the amorphous anonymity of a larger city. I have my own piece of the bar I lean against, I can ask someone to dance by name.

More significantly, being gay in Buffalo allows me to create my own alternatives. Since few structured situations exist, I know I must choose to create my own lifestyle—I have nothing to fall back against. There is a strength of character that such a challenge builds. Where there are few trails to follow, one may only choose to lead. I can either create gay alternatives for myself or stay on the treadmill of every night disco fever—there is no middle ground.

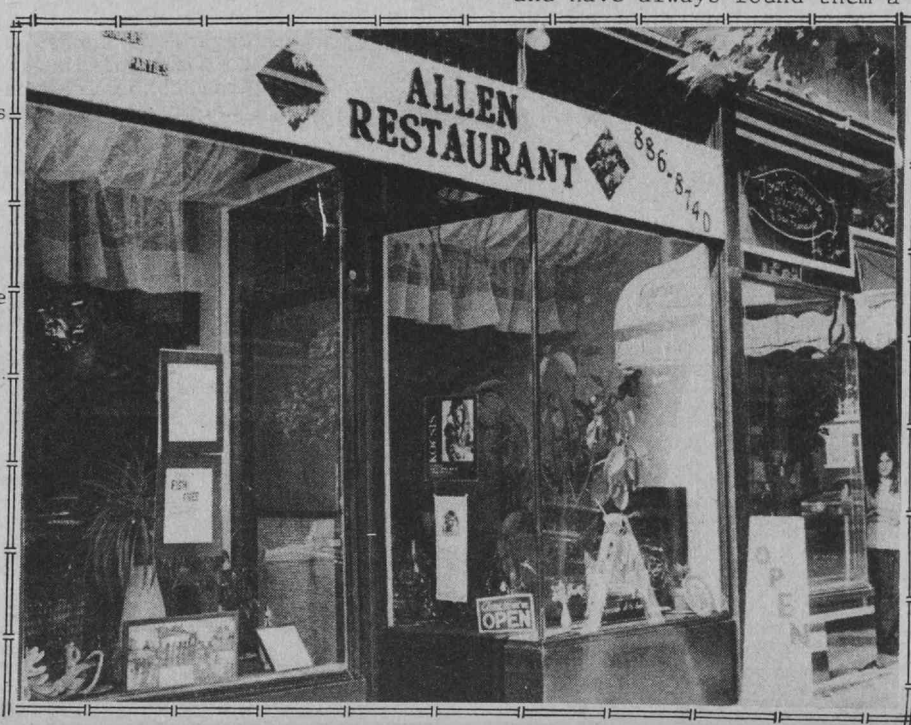
Bobby Dylan may have been thinking of Buffalo when he said, "When you ain't do nothin' you got nothin' to lose." Since so few gay supports exist, the potential for creative action is tremendous. The local chapter of Mattachine encourages involvement in political, social and creative enterprise. The potential for getting involved in support groups, writing or designing this newspaper, organizing football or volleyball teams, discovering political power are all available for any of us—we need to choose for ourselves what we want and whether we are willing to go out and get it.

Buffalo becomes in this light an existential opportunity for a gay person wanting to develop his gayness. There is no pressure from existing power, no possibility of just drifting into new situations. We are, each of us, our own power, and we need only choose for ourselves how we wish to explore our gayness. I think that ability to choose a healthy conflict, and the fruits of individual creation are much

sweeter than the unconscious surrender to existing structure.

I don't want to suggest here that Buffalo is anything more than it appears to be. It is a hell of a rough place to come out in, and it is a hell of a place to raise a gay consciousness in. And, that, I think, is the point—the person who develops their gayness here makes an active, certainly not passive, choice to do so, and in that choice lies their transcendence.

TOM HAMMOND



HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW ?

by BILL HARDY

«GETTING YOUR SHIT TOGETHER»

I certainly hope your summer so far has been as enjoyable as mine has. If you watered faithfully, especially during that incredible heat wave of about a month ago you should be picking flowers by the armful, canning quarts of tomatoes, and freezing pounds of beans. Well, even if you're not doing all those things, there is something you can be doing. Composting. Composting? "Horrors" you say. "Who wants to mess with that?" Well, my dears, composting is the most natural, efficient, not to mention the least expensive way to refurbish your soil with precious nutrients.

Basically, composting is the decomposition of garden refuse such as spent flowers, lawn clippings, leaves and weeds...in short, any green growing plant, or parts from it. The smaller the pieces of refuse with which you begin, the faster the process will take place. You could compost a shovel handle, even an old lover, if you wanted to wait long enough.

What happens when you pile up garden refuse is this: Aerobic, or air consuming, bacteria literally begin to cook the material at the center of the pile at a temperature of nearly 160°. If more and more refuse is constantly added, the center "fire" will increase in expanse "burning up" more material. If the air supply is somehow cut off, for example if the pile becomes too wet, anaerobic bacteria will take over, slowing the process, possibly creating an unpleasant smell.

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dining out:

New Allen Restaurant Rates Well

As a newcomer to the Buffalo scene one of the first things I noticed was the absence of gay restaurants. Having lived in Ft. Lauderdale for the past four years I have been used to dining in gay owned and operated restaurants and have always found them a

comfortable and pleasurable experience.

I was delighted to find the charming, newly opened "Allen Restaurant" located at 43½ Allen Street here in Buffalo. I happened upon this charming restaurant one afternoon while walking and antique hunting with a friend along Allen Street and I have been going back repeatedly to take advantage of their bill of fare at unbelievably low prices. The menu consists of good, hearty American food, with a nice sprinkling of imagination to keep it from being ordinary. Especially recommended are their Italian specialties and at how many places in town can you get homemade salad dressing, soups and desserts as well as delicious entrees every day of the week?

The decor of the restaurant is a charming combination of plants, mirrors, antiques and ceiling fans. Providing a casual dining atmosphere without making you feel ill at ease while holding hands across the table (and we all do that once in a while!) the variety of patrons can best be described by the incident a few evenings ago, when a wedding dinner for two elderly people was being celebrated next to tables of gay as well as straight couples and everyone enjoying a delightful evening.

They do not have a liquor license, but you may bring your own cocktails or wine with ice and glasses being cheerfully provided for you. I think bringing your own liquor is a wonderful idea, considering how the price of restaurant wines and liquor can boost that dinner or luncheon check!

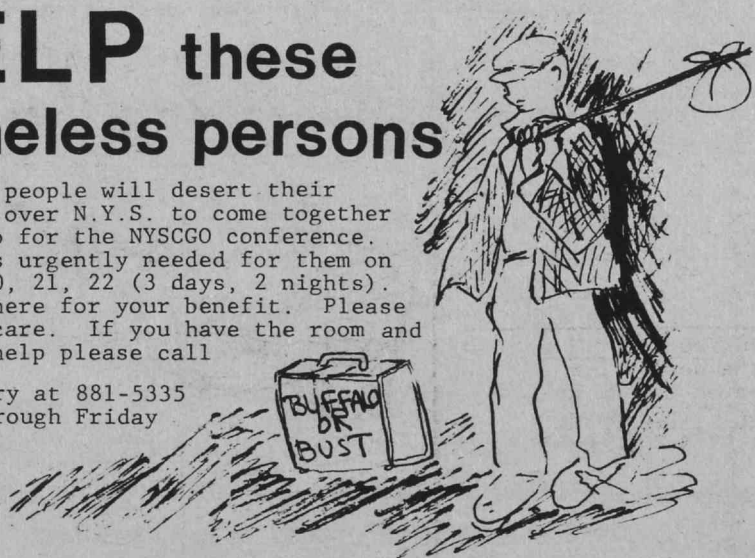
I can't begin to tell you the excellence of both service and cuisine I've sampled here. I have never been disappointed and Dan, the owner, says I'm his biggest booster, although one meal will make believers of all of you. As far as the

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food goes at dinner the other night, friends and I started with minestrone soup (homemade daily of course, and Dan tells me there will be lots of variety in soups this winter) a fresh, crisp tossed salad with a delicious creamy Italian dressing, hot loaf of bread and for an entree, pork chops, two giants! which I could hardly finish, cooked to perfection with side dishes of spaghetti and eggplant parmagiana. Along with this we consumed our own pitcher of vodka gimlets and finished off the meal with a homemade spice brownie topped with ice cream and fudge sauce and a cup of freshly brewed coffee. The prices are too low to mention, you just wouldn't believe me!

Another charming feature is that you may bring your own records or tapes and they will be more than willing to play them on their stereo system for your listening enjoyment while dining.

After speaking with Dan the last time I was there he informed me they also cater private parties and are very flexible as far as menu goes, listening to your suggestions and assisting in any way they can. Since the restaurant is closed on Sunday, I wonder who the first person will be to cater a tasteful Sunday brunch! The restaurant is open Mondays from 11am to 3pm, Tuesday through Thursday 11am to 8pm, Friday 11am to 10pm and Saturday from 5pm to 10pm. Dan is available at all times to discuss private parties and prices.

Please, let's not let this great restaurant go the way of so many other gay-owned establishments in Buffalo, one trip will tell you that it's a place worth visiting again and again. Would I steer you wrong? I'll see you all at the new Allen Restaurant, tell them Paul sent you!

Paul Williams

In Vinculis

NOTES FROM THE BAR

(This column deals with a few of the rights everyone should know in dealing with the law.)

"You are under arrest. You have the right to remain silent. If you choose not to remain silent, anything you say can and will be held in evidence against you. You have the right to an attorney. If you cannot afford an attorney, one will be provided for you."

Everyone knows the well worn phrase that evolved from the famous *Miranda v. Arizona*. Television shows have reduced it to banality by their frequent use of it on police shows. The right to counsel is not to be taken lightly, however. Picture yourself, arrested on the street by a pair of strong armed policemen, dragged into the police station for prints and pictures, and arraigned before a judge. Innocent or guilty, an attorney can be a great comfort at such a time.

The United States Supreme Court emphasized in 1972 that the right to counsel applies in every critical stage of a criminal proceeding (those which may result in imprisonment). Much to the chagrin of police officers, this means that a confession may be voluntary and yet be inadmissible if obtained in violation of the defendant's right to counsel. The time when the right attaches has changed

* In chains; in actual custody. *Gilb. Forum Rom.* 97 Applied also, figuratively, to the condition of a person who is compelled to submit to terms which oppression and his necessities impose on him. 1 Story, *Eq. Sur.* §302.

in recent years. The significant point is now near the commencement of a criminal proceeding - at arraignment or indictment. In New York counsel is required after an arrest due to a warrant (see last issue).

The right may also be applicable to a pre-commencement interrogation of the suspect under appropriate circumstances. In *People v. Richardson* (1966), the Court ruled, where three defendants had been arrested and identified by the victim and were being held in a cell in the courthouse awaiting arraignment, that the judicial process had, in effect, begun, and the three were entitled to counsel when they were asked if they could tell the police the identity of the fourth party.

In *People v. Malloy* (1968) the police had picked up a man on a vagrancy charge which was merely a pretext to enable them to interrogate him on a robbery in another state. In a strange city, the man was offered the choice of proceeding without counsel or picking the name of an attorney from the yellow pages. The Court ruled that the defendant had not effectively waived counsel.

New York law quite clearly states that after the defendant is arraigned, he may not be interrogated in the absence of counsel. If the defendant appears in court without counsel, he is allowed to adjourn the proceedings for the purpose

by CLAN CHATTAN

of obtaining counsel. He is allowed to communicate, free of charge by letter or by telephone for the purposes of obtaining counsel and informing a relative or friend that he has been charged with an offense.

A suspect does have the right to have his counsel conduct appropriate investigations, both factual and legal, to determine if matters of defense can be developed, and allow himself enough time for reflection and preparation for trial.

The right to counsel can sometimes be a transparent one. You are not guaranteed the best lawyer available, and may be unfortunate enough to procure an inexperienced, overworked attorney. At the very least, however, the right of the defendant to be represented means more than just having a person with a law degree nominally representing upon trial and asking questions. However, pickiness doesn't always pay off either. In *People v. Mooney* (1963), the Court ruled that the defendant was not deprived of his right to the benefit of counsel at his trial where prior to the trial he was assigned the services of three lawyers and on each occasion discharged them, the last after the jury had been drawn and when the case was about to proceed to trial, and there was nothing improper in refusing to grant further adjournment to permit him to secure private counsel.

The other side to the right to counsel is the right to waive counsel, and the right to a *pro se* defense (although it is doubtful that there is a right to be advised of it. *Faretta v. California* (1975), *People v. McIntyre* (1975)). In a waiver, the question to be determined is one of accused being in touch with the realities of the situation, his volitional competency, fairness of police tactics, and his degree of awareness of particular facts or a general understanding, and basically whether the accused was of such mental state as to be able to understand the meaning of his statements. *People v. Bunk*. Thus, in *People v. Davis*, where the defendant who was sentenced as a second felony offender and who was 17 years of age, had only a third grade education, and was an escapee from an institution for mental defectives at the time of conviction for the underlying offense, was not shown to have understandingly, competently and intelligently waived his right to counsel.

One thing to remember, if one is so foolish as to waive his right to an attorney, is that once an attorney enters the proceeding, the police may not question the defendant in the absence of counsel unless there is an affirmative waiver, in the presence of the attorney, of the defendant's right. Thus no waiver is possible in the absence of counsel.

Setback for Dignity

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Trautman, Chancellor of the Diocese, called in the Major Superiors of the Religious Orders sponsoring the Center and said that it was his understanding that Dignity encouraged sinful sexual practices and that the Diocese could not allow that kind of group to meet in religious facilities within the Diocese. The Center then communicated to Dignity that they could no longer host their services at the Center.

At the moment, Dignity/Buffalo is preparing to meet with Diocesan Officials to discuss this situation and to open some sort of dialogue with the Bishop. Meanwhile Mass and meetings are once again being held at 63 Arlington Place. Mass is held at 3pm on the first Sunday of the month and at 5pm on the third Sunday of the month. For information call 884-5631.

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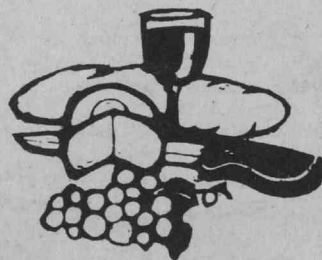
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**TIM
MAINS**

The lesbian and Gay male community took another step forward this summer with the appointment of Tim Mains to the Monroe County Human Relations Commission (MCHRC). Mains, a public advocate for gay rights, was one of five community representatives named to the Commission by County Legislature President J. Richard Wilson in a letter dated July 11. Mains will serve a three year term on the 15 member commission. He will attend monthly meetings to help set policy and oversee the operation of MCHRC's five member staff.

The MCHRC was established by state law (home rule message) in 1961, making it one of the earliest local commissions to deal with human rights in the nation. Over the years it has assisted in the areas of school integration, education and health care for migrant workers, and discrimination in housing, employment, and public accommodations. The bulk of its time is currently spent on mediation between persons who feel they have been discriminated against and those they accuse of discriminating. The commission will only take cases in which it feels it can have some effect. Because the MCHRC has no way to enforce its rulings or recommendations, tougher cases are usually handled by the State Division of Human Rights.

Last year on the same day Dade county was repealing a law protecting gay citizens, the MCHRC was hearing a representative from the Rochester Gay Task Force ask it to extend its jurisdiction to accept complaints from the gay community of discrimination in housing, employment, and public accommodations. The commission agreed to do so a month later. Ironically, the man who made the request on behalf of the RGTF was Tim Mains.

Tim Mains is a familiar name and face. He has worked on The Empty Closet twice serving as its editor. He served on the Board of Directors for the GAGV, holding several offices. He has spoken out publicly against TV programs which promote myths about gay people, for acceptance of gay discrimination complaints by MCHRC, and for awarding a grant of CETA funds to the GAGV. His voice will be among those heard at the Rally for Rights on September 23 in Rochester. Tim, a thirty-year-old school teacher, says he is "excited" about the appointment and welcomes "the opportunity to serve the community in this new way."

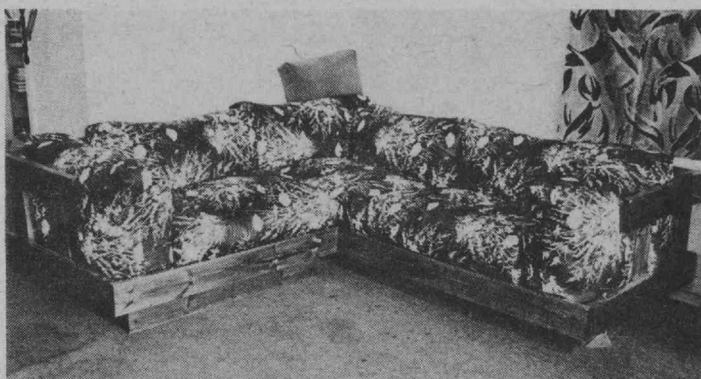
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GARDENING

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If you are in a hurry the following is a good method. Use the smallest refuse possible, chopping it up if necessary. Pile it in whatever container you may use, or just pile it four feet high in a well-rounded pile. Water it every 4 or 5 days during extremely dry weather, and turn it daily with a garden fork, to get fresh material to the center of the pile. After 3 or 4 months it should be ready for the garden.

So when you excuse yourself from your next dinner party and tell your guests it's time to turn and water the compost, they may not understand. But you can bet your boots (yes, you should wear them while working in the pile) your garden will be bigger and healthier than theirs. Again, if you have any questions, drop me a line care of the Mattachine Society and I will be more than happy to answer them. So until next time, put a little compost in your life. Try a compost pile.

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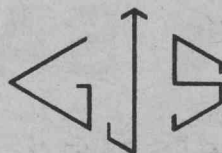
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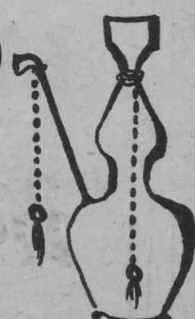
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And it it was I would not understand it." By the end of the book neither he nor the reader really knows what the rules of shifgrethor are. On the other hand, the Gethenians, living on a world inhabited by people of all the same sex, who act like neither males nor females in any consistent way, have equally little understanding of Genly Ai's expectations concerning sex roles. This contrast is central to the book. Genly Ai on the one hand and the Gethenians on the other, look to each other like a child with a game board and men each playing some different, made-up game. The plot complicates as they misunderstand each other and its resolution only begins as Estraven soliloquizes, "Is it possible that all along in Ehrenrang he was seeking my advice, not knowing how to tell me that he sought it. If so, then he must have misunderstood half and not understood the rest of what I told him by my fireside in the Palace, the night after the Ceremony of the Keystone. His shifgrethor must be founded, and composed, and sustained altogether differently from ours; and when I thought myself most blunt and frank with him he may have found me most subtle and unclear."

LeGuin exploits this contrast brilliantly. The more incomprehensible shifgrethor becomes, the more incomprehensible sex roles become. In the end we come to see them both as systems arbitrarily made up by society that could equally well be dropped by society, rather than as permanent features of human nature which we can only accept. On the other hand their arbitrariness doesn't make them any the less harmful. One thing we see directly is that Genly Ai is constantly using the term "effeminate," not in any consistent way but simply as a term of contempt for any behavior that he doesn't happen to like.

As Gays, we are affected by sex roles in both external and internal ways. Externally, our choice of a partner of the same sex is seen in conventional eyes as violating our own masculinity or femininity and thereby as violating the very idea of masculinity. This is a prime cause of our oppression. Internally, and in past, because of this, we often feel compelled to adopt a stereotyped sex role either corresponding to or in rebellion from the one expected from our biological gender. Put against the metaphor of LeGuin's Gethen this stereotyping is surprising, for in a sense we are

Gethenian, insofar as sexually we live in a world where all our partners are of our own sex. For us to differentiate ourselves from the basis of sex role in as unlikely as for Therem Estraven to do so.

To be continued
BILL COLEMAN

Our apologies to the author, Bill Coleman. Space considerations have required us to cut his fine review! It will definitely be concluded in the next issue of the Fifth Freedom.

COLOR and FORM at HALLWALLS

DON HIPCHIN

Opening at the art show was 'lotsa' people, 'lotsa' fun; these people at Hall Walls Gallery on Essex Street, sure know how to throw a party! There was a group of people at 'sorta' an entrance; they were drinking and laughing alot. After the entrance came a room with BIG pieces of flowered material on the walls. On these pieces of material were pins of assorted flowers.

In fact, the whole room was done in flowers. Flowers everywhere. There were flowered rugs on the floor, all different. There were flowered plates on the tables, covered in flowered linen tablecloths. At the piano sat a pianist playing songs of flowers. ("The Days of Wine and Roses").

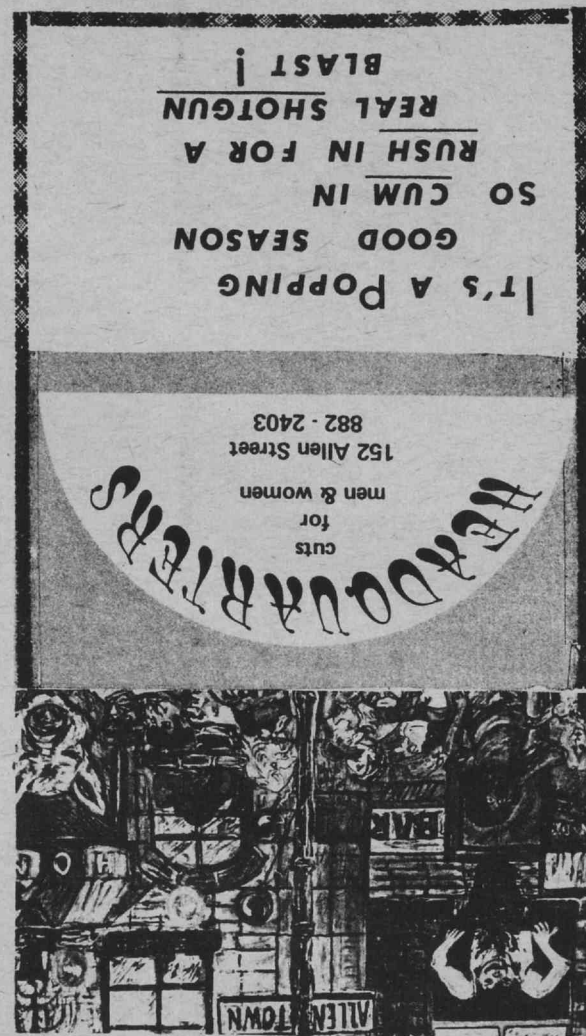
The next presentation to come to my attention was a delightful, swirling madness of ribbons of color. Bright, alive colors. I was myself in awe at these: the artist has a sense of color in motion with

a feeling of Frank Stella on a merry-go-round.

Then I crossed the flower-filled hall to another presentation: G. Roger Denson, filling a wall with silent music ... and still kites. Concealing one wall was a larger than life sheet music in black and white. The kites were suspended in the corners in stop-action. This instillation produces a definite sense of tranquility.

Here also was work of another artist. Using overlays of silk and color, the artist plays on space, giving a definite direction and unique tactile quality. The pieces ranged in size from 24"x36" to a room-size sheet of space suspended over sand... in which were placed bananas!

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This column will address itself to such problems. Each month some aspect of health related to gay men and/or women will be considered. Also included from time to time will be a list of resources one might turn to for further information. Your comments, criticisms and ideas for further topics are most welcome. Please write me in care of Fifth Freedom.

As I am not a medical doctor, this column is not intended as medical advice on certain health problems, but merely as informative material. If you have a health problem, you are advised to see your family doctor. Should you not have one, contact me and I shall attempt to answer your questions, or put you in touch with someone who can.

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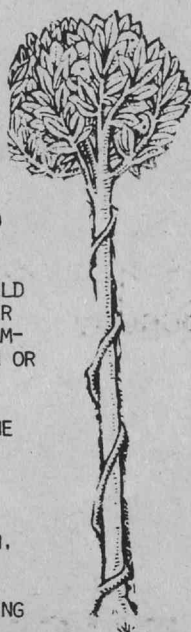
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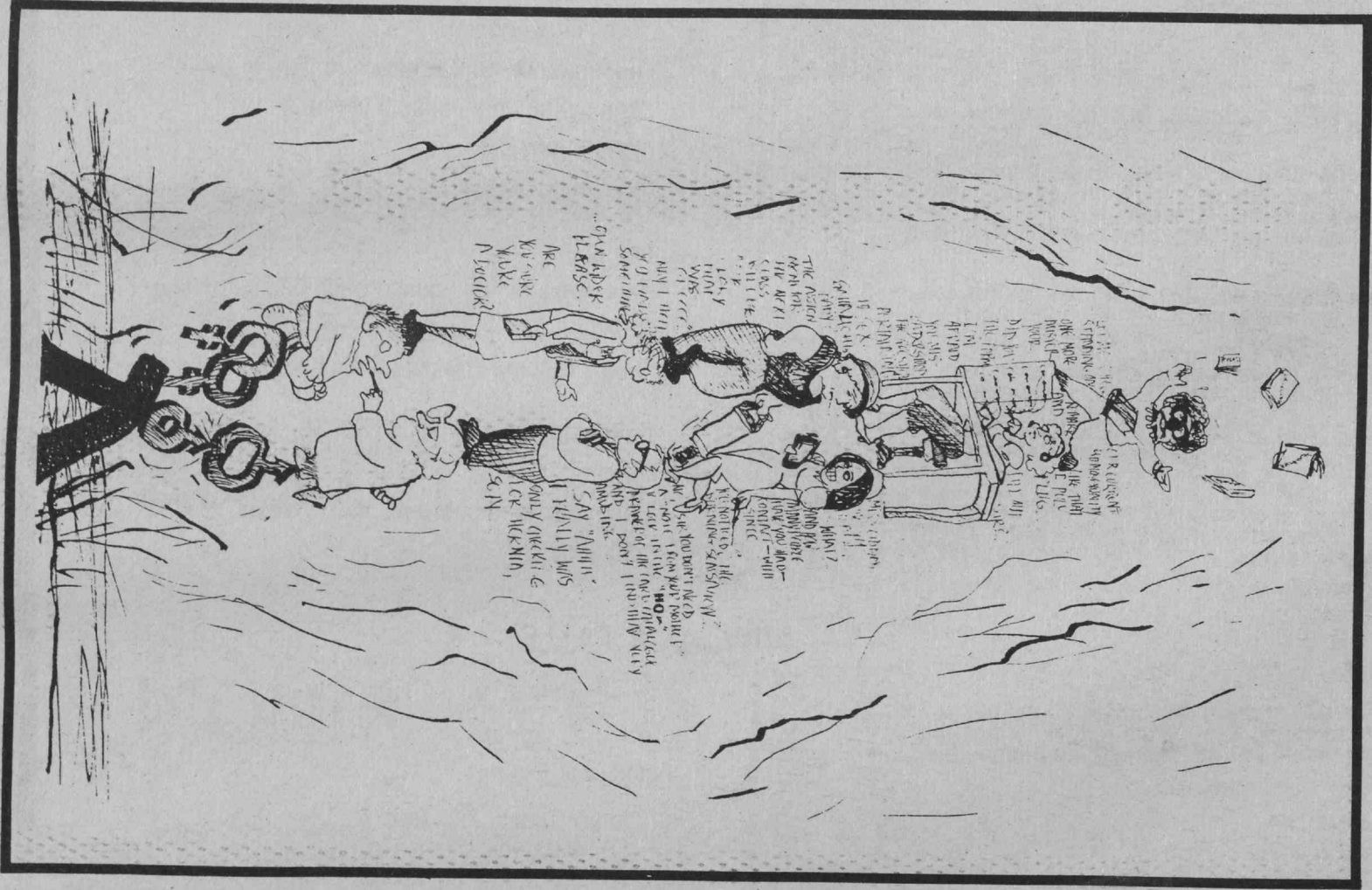
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